

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A picture material editing apparatus comprising:

~~means for inputting~~ an input selection circuit configured to input multiple picture materials from multiple sources,

a picture material switching ~~means having~~ circuit including a switcher control circuit and a control section connected to the switcher control circuit and a switcher operation console,

said picture material switching circuit configured to perform a switcher function of switching and outputting multiple picture materials at an arbitrary timing; and

an edit list creation ~~means for~~ circuit including an edit operation console and said control section,

said edit list creation circuit creating an edit list based on an operation history of switching operations for switching the multiple picture materials with the switcher function for generation of edited picture data immediately after a live broadcast.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The picture material editing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein

the edit list creation ~~means~~ circuit creates the edit list almost simultaneously with the switching operation for switching the multiple picture materials by using the switcher function.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The picture material editing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein

the edit list creation ~~means~~ circuit creates the edit list based on the kind of special effect specified when the picture materials are switched and various setting information is provided for the kind of special effect specified in addition to the switching operation.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The picture material editing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein,

when the picture material switching ~~means~~ circuit executes edit processing of connecting highlight scenes of the multiple picture materials as the switching operation,

the edit list creation ~~means~~ circuit creates a digest-version edit list corresponding to the edit processing.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A picture material editing method comprising:
inputting, from an input selection circuit, multiple pictures from multiple sources,
a picture material switching step of switching multiple picture materials via a picture material switching means circuit including a switcher control circuit and a control section connected to a switcher operation console,

said picture material switching step having a switcher function, at an arbitrary timing;
[[and]]

an edit list creation step of creating an edit list from an edit list creation circuit which includes said switcher control circuit, and an edit operation console, and

wherein the step of creating said edit list is based on an operation history of switching operations for switching the multiple picture materials performed at the picture material switching step for generation of edited picture data immediately after a live broadcast.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The picture material editing method according to Claim 5, wherein,

at the edit list creation step,

the edit list is created almost simultaneously with the switching operation for switching the multiple picture materials by using the switcher function.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The picture material editing method according to Claim 5, wherein,

at the edit list creation step, the edit list is created based on the kind of special effect specified when the picture materials are switched and various setting information is provided for the kind of special effect specified in addition to the switching operation.

Claim 8 (Original): The picture material editing method according to Claim 5, wherein,

when edit processing of connecting highlight scenes of the multiple picture materials is executed as the switching operation at the picture material editing step,

a digest-version edit list is created based on the edit processing at the edit list creation step.